

## **NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**City Hall**

**February 18, 2016 @ 6PM**

**Present Were:** Jeff Rogers, Mike Morris, Jane Masse, Nicole Pinkston, Chris Cecil, William Ward, Kenneth Holbert, Tim Bartley, Janice Rawson, Ashley Willoughby, Fr. Chris Labucke, Guyula Johnson, Scotty Metcalf, Tessie Cecil, David Nalley, David Rust, Kacie Emerson, Austin Metcalf, Chris Browning, Angela Mattingly and Joanie Corbin

The meeting was called to order. The pledge to the flag was recited.

### **Old Business**

Jane reported that she had done research on surrounding city's **water and sewer rates** and she felt that the city had very fair rates. She recommended to the board that the water/sewer bills not be lowered. Consensus of the board was to take no action.

Chris stated that **Mago** sent a credit memo for the \$1500 bill that was sent to the city last month for the blackout poured at St. Catherine Church.

**Weed Wizard LLC** cleared the streets during the snow storm on 1/22 and 1/23 for the amount of \$1195.00. Chris made a motion to allow Weed Wizard LLC to clear the streets in the future if the city should have 3+ inches of snow fall. Jane seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### **Fire Department**

Fred DeWitt did not attend the meeting. No report was given.

### **Police Department**

Nicole reported the county coverage has improved over the last month in New Haven.

Nicole presented to the board some rules for the police department, outlining details of his work schedule and the use of the police car. She also distributed "**Civilian Ride Along Rules**". Copies of both documents are attached. Nicole made a motion for the police department to follow the guidelines on both documents and to continue to have ride alongs to fill out the same release form that they currently use. Chris seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Discussion took place about the purchase of a **new vehicle for the police department**. The current car has about 96,000 miles on it. The city currently has \$18,500 in police car cd's and a savings account. Chris recommended that the price be obtained on an SUV. Kenneth and Nicole will work together on gathering bids. Chris also suggested that the city consider seeking donations for the police car. He stated that Bloomfield recently did this to offset the cost of a vehicle. They offered advertisement on

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the police vehicle in return for a donation. Kenneth cautioned the board on this idea because he stated that Bloomfield ran into some issues with the expectation of favors.

### General Administration

A motion was made by Chris to approve the **Minutes of January 21, 2016 Meeting**. The motion was seconded by Nicole. All voted in favor.

The **January Financials and February Bills** were approved with a motion by Jane and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Copies are attached.

Lengthy discussion took place about the building located at **144 Main Street (Big Blue Building)**. Since the building was obtained by the city, the Enhancement team has made numerous improvements to the building, such as windows and a roof. The goal of the enhancement team was to not lose the building to deterioration. The board is looking for ideas on what should be done with the building. They would like to get the community's input. Consensus of the board was for Jane to contact 2 realtors just to get an idea of what the fair market value is on the property. Janice and Ashley (LTADD) stated that they did not think that the city would be able to obtain any grants for the building due to it being in the flood zone. Further discussion will take place in future meetings.

Jeff asked Janice Rawson with LTADD to attend the meeting to discuss possible grant possibilities for converting Barry Hall into a **Senior Citizen's Center**. Janice informed the board that the city could apply for a CDBG grant as soon as our current sewer line project is closed out. A city is not allowed to have two open CDBG grants at one time. She urged the board to use the next 12 months to gather information to see if moving forward with the renovation would be the right move for the city. She stated that the board will need to know how the city will maintain the building. She presented the board with a name of an architect that the City of Loretto used when they were building their center. The architect's name is Ron Dill.

The mayor read **Budget Amendment – Ordinance No. 456 Series 2016**. Chris made a motion to accept as presented. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chris wanted the following included in the minutes.

**-\$4000 amendment in the police department** was to cover the cost of repairs to the police car after the chief was involved in an accident. The insurance company reimbursed the city for the expense.

**-\$4000 amendment in the recreation** was for a fence around the electrical panel, pool filters and gaskets, document preparation, Brey Electrical work and supplies from Guy's Building Supplies.

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### **Water and Sewer Department**

A motion was made by Chris to approve the **CDBG Section 3 Action Plan** that was presented by Ashley Willoughby (LTADD). Nicole seconded the motion. All voted in favor. A copy is attached.

**Resolution No 2016-1** (Opening of a Checking Account to be used for the Sewer Project) was approved by Chris. The motion was seconded by Nicole. All voted in favor. A copy is attached.

Jane made a motion to offer the **full-time laborer position** to a current employee of the city, **Scotty Metcalf**. Nicole questioned whether or not the position had been advertised. Jane said she felt because Scotty already worked for the city that she did not feel that the position needed to be advertised. Chris said he was in favor of hiring Scotty, but he wanted it in the minutes that both Tim and Scotty should not be riding around together in the same vehicle. The board agreed. Chris seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chris questioned whether or not the city should make Scotty sign a contract saying he would stay for a certain period of time. The board did not take action on this.

Scotty will begin work on March 7.

### **Street Department**

No report was given.

### **Recreation**

Jane made a motion to advertise for the **2016 lifeguard positions**. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chris made a motion to form a **lifeguard hiring committee**, consisting of Mike Morris, Jeff Rogers and Angela Mattingly. Nicole seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Ball registration** forms will be made available on February 19, 2016. The ball leagues will begin on or around May 1. Deadline for registrations is April 1.

Kenneth reported that he knew of someone that was interested in renting the garage area of the **Joint City/Rolling Fork Fire Dept. Building** located at 360 Center Street. He asked Nicole to speak to Frank to see if he was interested in this opportunity.

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### Veterans/Historical Center

Tessie asked the board to apply for the **Nelson County Tourism's Grant** on the Veteran's Centers behalf. Chris made a motion to apply for the grant for both, the Veteran's Center and City Hall. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Tessie informed the board that she would be hosting a **yard sale fundraiser** for the center in early spring.

Tessie asked the board for some **maintenance** to be done on the Veteran's Center building. The board informed her to make a list of things that needed attention and that they would have Tim fix them.

**Austin Metcalf and Chris Browning** attended the board meeting to present some ideas that they had for the city. They stated the following:

- They would like to see a mini mall in the Big Blue Building.
- They thought the mall should consist of an eatery, clothes shops and an electronic store.
- They stated that they would like to see an arcade, a bowling alley and a skating rink in town.

The board thanked the young men for attending the meeting and for presenting their ideas. They encouraged them to stay involved with their community.

Jane asked Tessie to invite the **Youth Leadership Group** to the March Board Meeting.

David Rust **commended Tessie Cecil** for her commitment to the Youth Leadership Group. He said that his daughter, Sydney looks forward to the meetings and enjoys being involved in the group.

Chris made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. Jane seconded the motion.

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Mayor

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Clerk

